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receiving a communication result information notified by the data communication system, [and] a storage step of independently storing the communication result information related to data communication based on the instruction in said instruction step and the communication result information received from the data communication system in the reception step.

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#### REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in this application. Claims 13 and 17 have been revised slightly to attend to matters of form<sup>2/</sup>. Claims 1, 7, 13 and 17-23 are independent.

The Examiner is thanked for the telephonic interview conducted earlier this day. In preparing this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment, Applicant has taken care to proceed in a manner consistent with the discussions during that interview, namely, to make the foregoing minor changes to claims 13 and 17.

As discussed in greater detail during the interview, the present invention is not suggested by U.S. Patent No. 5,644,404 to Hashimoto, et al., the cited primary reference, because Hashimoto relates to a system which receives incoming facsimiles and provides to the facsimile

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sending the facsimile notification that a user of the system has accessed the received facsimile.

In contrast, the present invention involves a system which keeps track of manual operation (usage) of a facsimile device that is part of the system, and which makes available to a user of the system "logging" information regarding such manual operation of the facsimile. This is in no way even suggested by Hashimoto.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention avoids the cited art.

#### CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, prompt and favorable action are respectfully requested.

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